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ON QUESTION OF DEFENCE

Conservative Speakers Making Issue Out of National Security

WINSTON CHURCHILL AMONG THE DUKES

Sir Edward Grey's Radical Policy Regarding Second Chamber

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On tariff reform as an alternative to money to be got from taxes on bread, meat and manufactures, or from luxuries, monopolies and superfluities.

the whole of the vast abuses from millions of small pits at the bottom, who sit down deliberately to coax, wheedle, bully and bribe now favors from the political class with whom they are allied. The forces of reaction are out for a double event. They are

speaking for the nation, and a terrible risk to win a tremendous price. This price is no less than the complete destruction of the British Empire.

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TO CONTINUE HOSTILITIES

General Estrada Rejects Proposal to Suspend War Operations

SEES TREACHERY IN NEW GOVERNMENT

President Madriz Busy With Preparations for More Fighting

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—

Doubting the sincerity of President Madriz, General Estrada has declined to suspend hostilities. He said that he was not prepared to suspend hostilities until he was satisfied that the new government was sincere in its intentions. He said that he was not prepared to suspend hostilities until he was satisfied that the new government was sincere in its intentions.

More War Taxes Wanted

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 29.—

The Nicaraguan government is in extraordinary session today and appointed a commission to consider the measures necessary to meet the financial needs of the government.

Broad Street Property Sold

Important Transfer in Local Realty Market for Sum Approximating \$75,000

AN important realty transfer was made yesterday in the sale of a piece of property on the corner of Broad Street and Truitt Street.

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March Wins From Burn.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 29.—

John Marsh lapped Art Burn in their five mile race here tonight at the Imperial rink, and won easily in the comparatively fast time of 23 min. 18 sec. Burn was at the start, and up to the first lap; then Marsh took the lead, and at the beginning of the last mile lapped his opponent. Sir Yvon was present as judge, but would not make any statement as to his own plans for a race with Marsh. There was a good crowd out.

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POSSIBILITY OF TROUBLE

Railroad Wage Question May Not Be Settled Without Big Strike

ORGANIZATIONS ASK COMPANIES TO STRIKE SWITCHMEN HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—

The possibility of a big strike in the railroad industry is being discussed today. The railroad companies are asking the switchmen to strike, but the switchmen are refusing to do so.

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Nelson vs. Hyland

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Harry Nelson will not be able to meet Hyland in a boxing contest here until February. This cancels the proposed match as Hyland cannot be here until then.

Record Salary for Hockey Player

RENFREW, Ont., Dec. 29.—

Fred Taylor, of Listowel, Ont., the greatest hockey player in the game, struck a blow today that Ottawa hockey enthusiasts will not soon forget.

Yelava Talks of His Position

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 29.—

Jose Yelava, president of the Mexican Revolution, is expected to be elected president of Mexico.

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